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SUBJECT: ETUC CALLS FOR TRADE UNION ACTION TO ISOLATE SPAIN

1. ON SEPTEMBER 30 THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ETUC) ISSUED A STATEMENT ANNOUNCING ITS INTENTION TO ORGANIZE A LARGE-SCALE SERIES OF TRADE UNION ACTIONS AIMED AT ISOLATING THE FRANCO REGIME. THE ETUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS DESIGNATED THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND AS A EUROPEAN DAY OF TRADE UNION SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF SPAIN. THE TEXT OF THE ETUC STATEMENT IS HERewith TRANSMITTED.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION, WHICH MET IN GENEVA ON 26TH
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SEPTEMBER, MADE A FINAL ATTEMPT TO APPROACH THE SPANISH

HEAD OF STATE TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH.

3. MOREOVER, THE COMMITTEE DECIDED UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER A EUROPEAN DAY OF TRADE UNION SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF SPAIN. ON THAT DAY THE TRADE UNION ORGANISATIONS IN EVERY COUNTRY WILL ORGANISE DEMONSTRATIONS AND SOLIDARITY ACTIONS.

4. THE EXECUTION OF THE FIVE CONDEMNED, WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT DESPITE ALL THE EFFORTS OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION TO INTERVENE, HAS INTENSIFIED THE DETERMINATION OF THE ETUC TO ORGANISE A LARGE-SCALE SERIES OF TRADE UNION ACTIONS TO ISOLATE THE FRANCO REGIME, PARTICULARLY BY MEANS OF ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND POLITICAL BOYCOTTS.

5. AT THE LEVEL OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DEMANDS THAT ALL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FRANCO GOVERNMENT BE BROKEN OFF AND ALL PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE IN HIS FAVOUR BE STOPPED.

6. THE TUC WILL OPPOSE THE HORROR OF REPRESSION IN SPAIN WITH CONTINUED CONSOLIDATED ACTION TO KNEEL THE FALL OF THE FRANCO REGIME. END TEXT. GREENWALD

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